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The Peking Relief Party.
BERLIN, June 21.—A semi-official dispatch from Tokio, dated June 21, says the Japanese consul at Shanghai confirms the reports that Vice Admiral Senguma has ar-

According to an official Japanese report from Chefoo, the foreign settlement at Tsen Tsin, which was to absorb June 18.

British Mission Looted.

SHANGHAI, June 21.—The British destroyer Whiting, at Chefoo, reports that nothing has been heard from Seymour's force for six days.

The French consul wires that the British mission at Tsing Chow has been looted and the mission's property taken to an unknown place by a Chinese general.

Tone of the Japanese Press.

YOKOHAMA, June 21.—The reports of the murder of the foreign ministers at Peking and of the death of Admiral Seymour, although viewed with suspicion, have created a profound sensation in Japan must, with or without the consent of the powers, adopt active measures. The naval and military officers are very busy. Probably the whole

Proclamation to Chinese Authorities.
LONDON, June 21, 3.40 p.m.—The admiralty has received the following dispatch from Rear Admiral Bruce:

"TAKU, via Che Fu, June 21.—No communication from the Tientsin garrison in seven days, and no Tien Tsin in five days. The allies hold the Taku forts and Tong Kiu securely and they will advance to the relief of Tien Tsin when in sufficient strength."

"Troops are expected from Hong Kong tomorrow and 200 from Wei Hai Wei the day after tomorrow. The Tientsin garrison is constantly proceeding around Tien Tsin. Our garrison there should be about 3,000 men."

The following proclamation was agreed to this morning, to be read forthwith:

"The allied powers and the governments of the allied powers in China desire to make known to all vicereys and authorities along the coasts and rivers and in the interior of China, that they intend to use armed force only against the Boxers and people that oppose them on their march to the coast."

The date that the above dispatch was received from Tokyo is not given, but it is probably June 19.

A Missionary View of the Boxers.

NEW YORK, June 21.—The American Bible Society has received a letter from Rev. John R. Hayes, D.D., Shanghai, May 29, in which he has returned from a trip to Peking. Dr. Hayes says:

"I had a long conversation with Dr. W. S. Ament of the American board, a native of Owosso, Mich., and a graduate of Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio, who recently returned from a mission to the Chinese in the territory occupied by the Boxers. At one of their strongholds they threatened to murder a Chinese they had with them, but they happily escaped without suffering any harm."

"The movement was first organized with the object of driving the Germans out of the province of Shantung, and then to the central government and the governor of Shan Tung in the hope that it would succeed in driving out all foreigners. They practiced incantations, and they were armed with the rude implements which they had made. They committed many acts of lawlessness, including the murder of the Rev. Mr. Brooks, they gradually spread their terror, and now they have made a large part of the province a no-man's-land."

the north has been favorable to them. It is not so in the south, and the country is dry and parched as a desert. The farmers have had to leave their homes and have been naturally drifted away from their homes and joined the Boxers.

Attracted by Prospects of Loot.

"The mystery attending their incantations and hypnotic influences, the irresistible attraction to the idle countrymen and the prospect of loot seemed to many the only way to escape the impending famine. Of course, the rowdy element naturally joined the society and there is doubtless a large number of such persons who are not connected with it. These are ready for robbery, murder or rebellion."

"At the present time the Boxers are uncounted by the hundreds of thousands of men and boys. They are only armed with swords, spears and bows and arrows. They are not equipped with modern arms, although they are very bitter against the Christians, to whom it is generally believed that the pestilence and the Christian alliance are due. They are not organized in any place visited by Dr. Ament there were no Christian families, each consisting of a father, mother and children. In some of these families armed themselves and joined the Boxers. They presented such a bold front that they were not molested."

Terrified Into Idleness.

The other family showed that they were terrified by the threats of the Boxers, and they were compelled to pay a large sum of money and to prostrate themselves before